

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application.

Claims 28-34 and 36-42 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 28, 36, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,586,338 issued to Lynch in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,405,038 issued to Barber.

Claim 28 recites the following:

reading a first system identification number (“SID”) broadcast in a first frequency band, said first SID identifying a particular cellular service provider;
determining whether said first SID matches a SID stored in a SID table;
switching to a second frequency band and reading a second SID broadcast in said second frequency band if said first SID does not match a SID stored in said SID table, wherein said particular cellular service is identified if said first or second SID matches a SID stored in said SID table;

determining whether detection of said particular cellular service support is urgent if neither said first nor said second SID are identified in said SID table; and

performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detection of said particular cellular service support is urgent.

Claim 37 recites similar limitations.

As stated in the Office Action, Lynch does not teach determining whether detection of the cellular service support is urgent and performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detection of said particular cellular service support is urgent.

Barber discloses that if the Roam Saver carrier selection mode is selected by the user, the cellular telephone will never deny service to emergency or non-emergency destinations if any SID is received by the cellular telephone (see col. 2, lines 61-67). This text cited in the Office

Action does not disclose determining whether detection of the cellular service support is urgent and performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detection of said particular cellular service support is urgent. These limitations are recited in claims 28 and 37. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 28 and 37 are patentable over Lynch and Barber.

Claims 29-34, 36, and 38-42 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claim in addition to adding further limitations of their own. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 29-34, 36, and 38-42 are patentable over Lynch and Barber for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claims 29, 30, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lynch and Barber in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,311,060 issued to Evans and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,044,265 issued to Roach.

As discussed above, neither Lynch nor Barber discloses determining whether detection of the cellular service support is urgent and performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detection of said particular cellular service support is urgent.

The Office Action states that Evans discloses that a control message is referred to as a page and SID is carried in the control channel. Whether or not Evans discloses this feature, Evans does not disclose determining whether detection of cellular service support is urgent and performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detecting cellular service support is urgent, as recited in claims 28-34 and 36-42. Thus, Evans does not cure the deficiencies of Lynch and Barber. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 29, 30, and 38 are patentable over Lynch, Barber and Evans.

The Office Action states that Roach discloses identifying the SID by a NPA. Whether or not Roach discloses this feature, Roach does not disclose, teach, or suggest determining whether

detection of cellular service support is urgent and performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detecting cellular service support is urgent, as recited in claims 28-34 and 36-42. Therefore, Roach does not cure the deficiencies of Lynch, Barber and Evans. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 29, 30, and 38 are patentable over Lynch, Barber, Evans, and Roach.

Claims 31-34 and 39-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lynch and Barber in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,159,625 issued to Zicker and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,311,060 issued to Evans.

As discussed above, neither Lynch nor Barber nor Evans discloses determining whether detection of the cellular service support is urgent and performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detection of said particular cellular service support is urgent.

The Office Action states that Zicker teaches the exchange of data between host and a remotely programmable cellular mobile radiotelephone. Whether or not Zicker discloses this feature, Zicker does not disclose determining whether detection of cellular service support is urgent and performing a high priority detection process for detecting said cellular service if detecting cellular service support is urgent, as recited in claims 28-34 and 36-42. Thus, Zicker does not cure the deficiencies of Lynch, Barber, and Evans. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 31-34 and 39-42 are patentable over Lynch, Barber, Zicker, and Evans.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that claims 28-34 and 36-42 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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